

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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RE: COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2012-15

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Sanilac County Circuit Judge and Probate/District Judge would make the following comments and suggestions in regard to proposed Administrative Order 2012-15.

We would first of all urge the Court to review the responses from the Court Focus Groups entitled "Why Are We Doing This," "Relationship Between MSC/SCAO and Courts," and "Publish or Internal.." We believe there is a great deal of merit to these suggestions as expressed by the rank and file representatives of the Courts who work in the trenches each day.

We would suggest that only objective measurements be used such as in the following categories:

- Timeliness – Case Disposition
- Clearance Rates
- Case Filings
- Timeliness – Orders/Matters/Motions

These are all subjects that can be objectively monitored and are, in fact, objectively monitored by the State Court Administrative Office. On the other hand, many of the other suggested topics require a subjective determination or may involve things that the Court has no control over such as waiting time at the County Clerk's office which is under the control of the County Clerk and not the Court.



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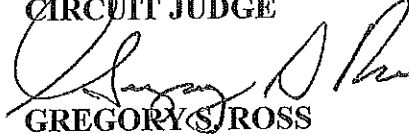
We would further urge that the compilation and reporting of this information be accomplished by the State Court Administrative Office. That office already has many, if not all, of these statistics and is in a position to compile the same for reporting.

We do not have the staff or funding available to take on such an additional task at a local level.

Respectfully submitted,



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